and 2001 census, number of persons seeking/available for work (among the non workers) in the country excluding Jammu & Kashmir has gone up from 13.8 million in 1991 to 44.5 in 2001. However, the census does not have a precise definition of unemployment. Non-workers seeking/available for work as a category may not necessarily correspond to the definition of unemployment.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the Tenth Plan Period. Out of these, around 3 crore employment opportunities will come from normal growth process and remaining 2 crore through special employment generation programmes. The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan has laid emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors, which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints, which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential.

Assistance to agricultural labourers in Madhya Pradesh

†3180. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes in operation in Madhya Pradesh for providing assistance to the agricultural labourers in case of accidents;

(b) whether any grant is provided by the Central Government for the same; and

(c) the decision taken by the Central Government regarding the continuity of Centrally sponsored Agriculture Social Security Scheme, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Indira Krishi Shramik Durghatna Kshatipurti Yojana-1982 is in operation in Madhya Pradesh for providing assistance to the agricultural labourers in case of accidents.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana, 2001 has since been discontinued, however, it will continue for the existing members only.

Modernization of EPFO

3181. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of EPF members in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total contribution received by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a huge difference between the actual members of EDF and what is claimed by EPFO; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to modernize the EPFO?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) As on 31.03.2005, the total number of EPF members was 4.11 crore as per details at Statement-I (*See* Below).

(b) The total contribution received by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation is at Statement-II (*See* Below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has undertaken a modernization project "Reinventing EPF India" to improve the service delivery.

Statement-I

State-wise number of EPF members in the country as on 31.03.2005

Andhra Pradesh	:	3,131,879
Bihar	:	230,706
Chhattisgarh	:	310,156
Delhi	:	2,214,885
Goa	:	82,141
Gujarat	:	3,733,338
Himachal Pradesh	:	208,939